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McLaren Park Reservoir to Store Surplus Water

A sunny afternoon finds (l-r) Bill Carlin, Jo Coffery and Alma Taylor having lunch in McLaren Park.

Construction in 1997 to Close Part Of Shelley Drive

By Gerry L. Gelvan

Bill Carlin, vice chairman of *Friends of McLaren Park* (FMP), has alerted joggers, dog walkers and natura viewers that their park activities will be disrupted during the construction of a water reservoir et *Park Site* 2.

Water reservoir construction has fentatively been scheduled to start in McLaren Park during mid-1997, with *Park Site 2* one of the conceivable locatione for water storage purposes.

Recycled water in the proposed reservoir is envisioned to supplement water used in firefighting during the 21st century. As things now stand, three existing reservoirs (at Twin Peaks, on Portola and Jones Street) cannot supply adequate firefighting water during e truly big fire.

Site 2 includes Shelley Drive with the park area south of its length and breadth; while e *Park Site 1* covers real estate north of Shelley Drive.

Carlin made the announcement during a Nov. 16 regular monthly FMP meeting while substituting for vacationing Board Chair Jo Coffey. Reading from e voluminoue Recycled Water Master Plan (RWMP), Carlin assured those in attendance the Department of Public Works (DPW) would work with the Recreation and Park Department in designing restoration and improvement plans on the site. He pointed out that construction would alter the visual character of the area during the proposed 12-month construction period. "However, the completed reservoir would be below ground level," Carlin reminded the group, " and the site would be restored to pre-construction conditions or even better."

Members of Friends of McLaren Park meet monthly to discuss future improvements in San Francisco's second largest park.

Extra care has been taken to make sure that no geologic constraint or hazard hinders progress and completion of the reservoir during construction. Geotechnical investigation, including surface borings, would first be conducted to determine eppropriate design and control measures.

Here's e warning to motorists: Traffic generated by construction would add to that already on local streets. A portion of Shelley Drive near Mansell Avenue will be closed with park traffic altered to reduce congestion during the year of work.

Activists and self-appointed naturalists and animal lovers will not be pleased to learn that at least four acres of grassland on *Site* 2 will be temporarily lost during construction. Up to 23 mature frees, a mixture of Monterey pine, cypress and eucalyptus, could be removed or damaged, which could deprive Monarch butterflies of the protective branches and leaves.

In Visitacion Velley, where long time resident Alma Taylor once ruefully observed that *there ere so many civic organizations end what-have-yous*, Elaine Molinari of Rec end Park suggested that Friends of Visitacion Park, still in its ed-hoc stage, be a sponsor for ectivities planned on Dec. 7 at three neighborhood parks: Visitacion Valley Playground; Herz Playground and the Campell/ Rutland Mini-Park. Rec end Park will be putting up kiosks in each of the involved parks.

Task Force Will Identify Valley By Geographical Sub-Areas

After a hectic year which saw the Visitacion Valley Task Force (VVTF) transformed from an organization through the Meyor's Office of Children, Youth and Their Families to its own entity, VVTF members spent the concluding moments of the final 1996 meeting Nov. 23 structuralizing their ranks by assigning continuing participants to seven neighborhood areas.

Although the topic of reorganization was first brought up by VVTF members several months ago, it was unanimously agreed that those who took part in the original task force but were no longer ettending current meetings should be given ample time to rejoin the discussions. As an incentive to offer views, all former members were mailed a preliminary set of bylaws the task force is considering along with an invitation to join the regular monthly forums held et the Community Center.

Each represented by two members, seven divisions make up the VVTF's new jurisdiction. These include: *Geneva Terrace*; *Geneva Towers* (The Village, Britton Street); *Leland Avenue*; *Little Hollywood*; *Lower* (Southern) *Visitacion*; *Upper* (Northern) *Visitacion* and *Sunnydale*. In addition, four members will represent *business* (Industry and merchants) in the Valley, with three members slated to cover *church*, *school* and *senior* interests.

At the meeting, VVTF members voted to approve use of the seven geographical sub-areas to rapresent Visitacion Valley north of the San Francisco/San Mateo county line. They also voted to accept new members and established membership of the Visitacion Valley Task Force.

VVTF positions currently filled include: Marjorie Anne Williams and *Village* Director Vernon Long tor *Geneva Towers*; Gerry L. Galvan and VVCC Director Julie Kavanagh for *Leland Avenue*; Ralph Oroquita and Don Bertone for *Little Hollywood*; Brenda Lopez and John King tor *Lower Visitacion*; Merlene Tran and Innie Tsang for *Upper Visitacion*; and Michelle Littlefield and Anthony Hodges tor *Sunnydale*. VVTF Chair Joel Tate represents *business*, while Vincent Chao, principal ot the Elementary School and Dr. John Flores, of the MiddleSchcol fill the *school* divi-

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Norcal Updates Many Improvements To Waste Facility on Tunnel Avenue

Members of the Southeast Communities/Norcal/City Agencies Forum had prepared extensively to illustrate improvements made to the Solid Weste Recycling and Transfer Station on Tunnel Avenue at the group's fifth meeting Nov. 14 at Executive Park. More than 2,500 copies of the *Forum*, a detailed six-page newsletter issued by William Thompson, the meeting's facilitator, had been mailed exactly one month before to residents in Little Hollywood, Visitacion Valley and parts of Brisbane, providing the latest updates of progress at the waste plant while urging them to attend. But when it came time to start the meeting, only one nearby resident was present.

Nevertheless, Leonard Vinci of Norcal proceeded with e report of progress on the site in correcting a number ot problems its neighbors claim was making their daily lives miserable.

Most apparent were several posted before-and-after pictures of the Total Urban Recycling Facility (TURF) building whera doorways formerly facing the north had been completely closed.

Norcal also closed the wall on the building's south side to substantially reduce noise near the *Glass Loading* area.

Also pictured just north ot the TURF building wes a hill edjecent to Little Hollywood's Peninsula Avenue which had slowly been eroding with wind and rain. Following an earlier soil stabilization study by engineers, a tarp was installed to check any further slippage while a more permanent solution is currently being determined, most likely to be e retaining wall at the hill's base.

Bird annoyances around the tacility have been lessened with a rooftop wind sock, set to activate a deodorizing system that removes toul odors. Norcal is also contemplating creation of e wind apron, roof wire controls and the spraying ot a bitter tasting liquid.

Dust eminating from the site has been reduced by the moving ot large debris drop boxes from the North TURF yard away from nearby homes while resurfacing the large lot there with *asphalt chips*. However, one adjoining Little Hollywood resident noted that recent rains have all but nullified the positive effect of the chips.

Odors from garbage at the facility were reduced when truck transfer trailers wera no longer pre-loaded. A new deodorizing system has been installed and is currently under evaluation at the Transfer Station, which is also being studied for a negative pressura filter system.

Norcal had long ago directed its vendors not to park along Tunnel Avenue and has issued a one-page reminder to all trucks reminding them they era prohibited from using Tunnel Avenue as passage to the waste facility.

Vinci also raported that no new complaints had been directed to Norcal in recent months concerning problems at the facility, but encouraged use of Norcal's *Public Information Line* at 330-2907 for further updates and to ask questions.

Holiday Food Drive Collects Goodies for Distribution at VVCC

Residents living in the neighborhood are encouraged to participate in Visitacion Valley Collaborative's *Christmas Food Drive* scheduled for Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 23 and 24 at the Community Center auditorium, 50 Raymond Ave. Contributions of turkey end canned goods will be available for residents in need. "Many people in the community have given donetions end have volunteered," said Grace Wong, assistent child cara director et VVCC. For further information on the food drive, call Grace at VVCC at 467-6400 or Jennifer Johnson of the Family Support Canter et 469-2120.

Immigrant Rights Dealt Severe Blow by Congressional Laws

From Bigayan Newsletter

By the close of the 104th Congress, the rights of immigrants, both documented and undocumented, had been dealt the worst blow since the 1920s and 1930s. Bipartisan posturing over who was tough on immigrants wes the order of the dey as the country wound down the last few weeks to election dey. The combined impact of the enti-terrorist law, welfare reform law and recently signed immigration reform lew left immigrante reeling.

NEW WELFARE LAW

Even though immigrants represent only 5 percent of all public assistance recipients, they were singled out for more than 44 percent of the welfare reform cuts. Of the $54 million in welfare savings expected over the next six years, $24 billion will come from denying benefite to legel immigrants, including:

*SSI and Food Stamp programs being denied to immigrants who are already hera and recieve assistance. About 500,000 will lose SSI benefits and about 900,000 will lose food stamps. About half of the legel immigrants losing SSI have been in the U.S. for more than 10 years.

*Future immigrants are barred, for their first five years, from all public assistance programs for low income people. At e minimum, all nonexempt entitlement programs based on low income will be included, the most important of which is Medicaid, except for some emergency services.

*States can choose to deny AFDC (Aid to Families with Dependent Children), non-emergency Medicaid and other programs using social services block grant funds to legel immigrants. States elso heve the option to determine the eligibility of legel immigrants, including those who are already here, to state-funded programs.

*Undocumented immigrants are now ineligible for all federal programs, except select emergency medical services, some immunization, medical testing and treatment of communicable diseases, and some non-monetary benefits from certeln programs yet to be defined.

*States are also prohibited from providing entiraly state or locally funded assistance to undocumented immigrants unless they pass e lew explicitly stating that unlawful immigrants would be eligible for assistance.

NEW IMMIGRATION LAW

In the spirit of Propositon 187, the new immigration lew includes some of the toughest measures against illegal immigration in decades. It also discourages family raunification for legal immigrants by:

*Placing greater barriers to petitioning and eccess to temporary public essistance;

*Substantially increasing enforcement measures along the U.S./Mexican border, including deployment of as many as 10,000 more INS agents by 2001;

*Increasing criminel penalties for fraudulent or misused goverment- issued documents from 5 to 15 years;

*Meking undocumented immigrants ineligible for grants, federal contracts or loans, or public-supported programs, Medicaid or food stamps,

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Evaluation Requested by Supervisor for Neighborhood Commercial Districts

Board of Supervisors President Kevin Shelley called for the Planning Commission to undertake an evaluation of neighborhood commercial districts to preserve the character of San Francisco's neighborhoods. This evaluation is one part of Shelley's Neighborhood Preservation package.

"We must protect and preserve the charecter ot San Francisco's neighborhoode," said Supervisor Shelley who explained the proliferation of lerge, netional chains could destroy the City's unique commercial districts by bidding up rents and driving out *mom end pop* businesses.

"I'm esking the Plenning Commission to work with merchants and residents to evaluate neighborhood commercial areas to see how the zoning might be strengthened," said Shelley. "They'll look at the factors which neighbors continue to mention to me era problems, such as: traffic, public transportation, quentity ot certain kinds of businesses, and size of new buildings."

After the evaluation, the Planning Commission will present a report to the Board, which may choose to issue interim or permanent controls to alleviate potential problems in individual neighborhoods. The goal is to determine within each neighborhood the zoning changes needed to avoid e large number of certain types of stores, es well as to avoid the impact ot large commercial developments out of scale with the existing neighborhood.

Valley Merchants in Holiday Spirit with New Association

Neighborhood businesses have been encouraged in recent weeks to join the new Visitacion Velley Merchants Association, which held its fifth meeting the evening of Nov. 26 at the Bank ot America on Leland Avenue.

As an organizational process continues with e proposed drafting of bylaws, association members have already established e mailing list to inform local merchents of important updetes in improving commerce in Visitacion Valley. A holiday business directory was compiled and appears in this month's *Grapevine* on page four.

Merchants attending an earlier meeting Nov. 13 have egreed to purchase e set of seasonal decorative banners to be displayed on the street in both the spring and fall, es well as during the holidays.

Grapevine Mailbox

Street Weight Limits And Hazardous Waste Concerns in the Valley

Editor:

Two important meetings were attended by members of the Little Hollywood Committee in an effort to improva tha living conditions and tha environment within our community.

The first was a Parking and Traffic Commission meeting and the second was a Board of Directors meeting.

The September 6, 1996 meeting of the Parking and Traffic Commission was attended by two members of tha Little Hollywood Committee, Ron Gibson and Ralph Oroquita. On the Commission agenda were two items that many residents have been very concerned with. These items are listed on the September 17, 1996 agenda as item 21 and item 22:

*Item 21, it is proposed to *rescind* the 9-ton vahicle weight restriction and to *establish* a 3-ton vehicla weight restriction on Tunnel Avenue between Bayshora Boulevard and Blanken Avenue.

*Item 22, it is proposed to *rescind* the 9-ton vehicle weight restriction and to *establish* a 3-ton vehicle weight restriction on Blanken Avenue between Tunnel Avenue and Executive Park Boulevard These streets ara within the community of Little Hollywood.

Mr. Gibson and Mr. Oroquita commented in lavor of the proposed changes and presented written comments to support the proposed changes. The resolutions were adopted to be forwarded to tha Board of Supervisors. Following are portions ol a letter dated and submitted September 4, 1996:

Industrialization of a residential neighborhood by large commercial trucks will eventually lead to a loss of community pride and identity. Over the years, this excessive traffic has been a tactor in the toss ot property valua and rental income.

During sporting avents .at Candlestick Park there is heavy traffic in and out of the community. The residents of the community try to be tolerant of the parking, foot traffic and visitors to the community park. After the games, the littla vehicles that issue parking citations seem to be the first out of the stadium and tha area instead ot assisting with traffic. Neighborhood traffic is also increased by vehicles that try to avoid the bumper to bumper freeway traffic that these sporting events generate.

Parking restriction signs should be posted on both sides of Tunnel Avenue between Bayshora Boulevard and Blanken Avenue that would limit parking for trucks over ona ton to one-hour parking. This would improve the safety of this street that receives traffic from southbound Bayshore Boulevard with an awkward curve and limited visibility.

Parking restriction signs should be posted on both sides of Tunnel Avenue between Blanken Avenue and the San Francisco/San Mateo county line near Recycle Road that would limit parking for trucks over one ton to one-hour parking. This would greatly increase vehicla safety for tha residents and commuters that use tha Bayshore CalTrain station and public transportation, and tor the proposed driveway/exit for the Korean First Presbytarian Church at Lathrop Avenue and Tunnel Avenue.

*Parking restriction signs should be posted on both sides of Blanken Avenue between Bayshore Boulevard and Executiva Park Boulavard that would limit parking for trucks over ona ton to one-hour parking. This would greatly increase safety during Candlestick Park traffic.

The double-trailer gasoline tanker trucks that must use excessive forward/reverse or driva on to the sidewalks to maka the turn at Blanken Avenue and Tunnel Avenua ara an extreme potential hazard.

The proposed expansion of Executiva Park (Tuntex Properties, Inc.) that is now under construction will increase the number of vehicles that will driva through the community. Future development of the extensive amount ot open and underdeveloped land that is owned by Tuntex Properties will creata a need for new roadways to accomodata the projected traffic.

Tha November 6, 1996 Board of Directors' meeting for the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) was attended by four residents of the Little Hollywood community: Mrs. Lucas and three members of the Little Hollywood Committee (LHC) Richard Lucas, Ron Gibson and Ralph Oroquita.

Tha BAAQMD directors meet on the seventh floor at 939 Ellis Street, San Francisco, CA 94102. There are 20 board members and 18 advisory council members.

Tha membership represents nine Bay Area counties: Alameda, Contre Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clare, Solano and Sonoma. Supervisors Susan Leal and Mabel Teng ara the representatives tor San Francisco County.

After an attendance roll-call, there was a public comment period to address public concerns not on the day's agenda. Mr. Lucas, Mr. Gibson and Mr. Oroquita made extensive comments and presented written comments about the past, present and futura air emissions generated by the operations of the NORCAL/Sanitary Fill Company complex at Tunnel/Beatty Avenues.

Following are portions of a lettar dated and submitted November 6, 1996:

The hazardous waste facility was started as a pilot program in 1987 and was regulated by the Stata Department of Toxic Substance Control (DTSC) in 1988 by a variance. In 1993, tha San Francisco Planning Commission appointed a Local Assessmant Committee (LAC) when Sanitary Fill Company applied for tour building permits, which triggered the Tanner Act requirements because of the intent to expand the HWF. The purpose ot the LAC was to advise the City on terms and conditions by which the proposed expansion ot the existing HWF at 501 Tunnel Avenue may be acceptabla to tha community.

Tha seven member LAC held regular meetings since 1993 and was disbanded on May 7, 1996. The LAC held 36 meetings plus Budget and Technical sub-committee meetings. The LAC met since May, 1995 without a Technical Advisor or his legal staff as tha initial funding was used before any negotiations could be started.

The City and County of San Francisco is the "operator" of the HWF and has demonstreted need for for a 6.5 times increase (417,000 gallons) in the through-put in the facility, a 10,000 gallon storage capacity and a Very Small Quantity Generators (VSQGs) hazardous wasta service.

Norcal/Sanitary Fill Company stated the facility will operate and be regulated by the "new" stata Permit By Rule laws. The community has been told that the HWF will be regulated by the Consolidated Unified Permitting Agency (COPA) Stata Law SB1092, 1993 and Parmanent Household Hazardous Wasta Facilities state laws enacted at tha end of 1995.

The Local Assessment Committee was disbanded when Sanitary Fill Company withdrew the four building permits that involved the HWF. Tha Permit By Rule regulations, which must be in place by 1996, do not regulate the through-put of the HWF. A Permit By Rule regulation is that the HWF will be permitted to operate and be regulated by agencies that hava jurisdiction to regulata tha facility and tha operations within the facility.

The amount ot particulate matter, hazardous or toxic air emissions are regulated for the amount of permissible per hour and/or for a 24-hour period. Through-put is clearly within BAAQMD regulations and jurisdiction.

The Tunnel/Beatty complex has a through-put of one million tons ot refuse yearly and is directly adjacent to the community of Little Hollywood (370 homes/1,500 residents).

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) has received 89 complaints in tha past year about odors. Although only a few of the complaints are validated by BAAQMD inspectors, the residents of the community will testify in court that the odors from the complex ara a public nuisance.

Some of the adverse environmental effects are: heavy truck traffic; heavy small truck, van and auto traffic; litter and various objects in the streets; air borne dust and particulate matter; fumes; odors; possibly hazardous or toxic emissions; noise; seismic vibrations; vermin, rats, mosquitos and sea gulls; night glare; late night noises; and corrosiva emission of garbage laden vapors.

The Little Hollywood community is north and directly adjacent to tha garbage, recycle and hazardous waste complex. These facilities transfer, sort, bale, compact, consolidate, process, store and treat tha majority of refuse, garbage, recycle materials and hazardous wasta for all ot San Francisco.

Thank you for your time,

Ralph Oroquita.

OECEMBER NATIONAL PARK EVENTS
Call for reservetions.

FORT POINT

**Candlelight Tour*: 8:30 p.m. Dec. 14, 28 (561-4313)

PRESIDIO

Visitor Center open daily 10 e.m. to 5 p.m. (561-4323); Museum open Wednesday through Sunday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (561-4323).

**Architecture and Cultural Landscape Walk*: 1 p.m. Dec. 7 (561-4323).

**Autumn Adventure*: Learn about trees and plants for ages 7 and up, 2 p.m. Oct. 20 (561-4323).

**California Indian Lifeways*: Learn about Native Amencane once making the San Francisco peninsula their home, 3:30 p.m. Dec. 1, 11 (561-4323).

**Crissy Field Aviation Walk*: Learn about its rola in aviation history, 10 a.m. Dec. 14 (561-4323).

**First Flight to Hawaii*: Learn about first attempt to cross the Pacific Ocean by air, 2:30 p.m. Dec. 8 (561-4323).

**Great Scott!*: Two mile walk around Fort Winfield Scott, 10 a.m. Dec. 28 (561-4323).

**The Last Gun*: Demonstretion of thie last operational 50-ton gun of its kind, 10 a.m. Dec. 7, 8. (561-4323).

**Mountain Lake to Fort Point Hike*: Retrace three miles of Anza's 1776 route, 10 a.m. Dec. 14 (561-4323).

**Multiculturalism: Myth and Magic*: Retrace steps of former Presidio inhabitants, 1 p.m. Dec. 7 (561-4323).

**National Cemetery Walk*: 12 noon Dec. 15; 2 p.m. Dec. 10. (561-4323).

**Pedaling the Presidio*: Bike ride through the Presidio, 10 a.m. Dec. 15 (561-4323).

**Presidio History Walk*: 1 p.m. Dec. 15, 21, 30 (561-4323).

**From Rubble to Renaissance*: Walk to Palace of Fine Arts, 10 a.m. Dec 7 (561-4323).

**Shores and Shipwrecks*: One mila walk along beaches, 10 a.m. Dec. 7 (561-4323).

**Walk on the Wild Side*: Plants, animals and geology, 1 p.m. Dec. 8 (561-4323).

PACIFIC SHORE

Cliff House Visitor Center open daily 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (556-8642). Fort Funston Visitor Center open daily 12 noon to 4 p.m. (239-2366).

**Once Upon a Campfire*: Campfire story-telling at Fort Funston, 7 p.m. Dec. 28 (556-9642).

**Flight of the Plover*: Learn about this shorebird during e beach walk, 9 a.m. Dec. 14 (556-8642).

**Sutro Heights Stroll*: 11 a.m. Dec. 19 (556-8642).

**Touring the Past*: Learn about the Cliff House, Sutro Bathe and Sutro Heights Park, 11 a.m. Dec. 14 (556-8642).

**Tour the Ruins*: Visit site of old Sutro Bathe, 11 a.m. Dec. 8 (556-8642).

Celebration of Craftswomen at Fort Mason

More than 280 of the nation's most talented craftswomen will be showcased at tha 1996 *Celebration of Craftswomen*, San Francisco's largest holiday crafts fair, on two weekends, Dec. 7-8 and Dec. 14-15 at Fort Mason Center's *Herbst Pavilion*.

This year's participating artists represent the full spectrum ot quality fine arts and crafts, including: functional and decorativa ceramics and glass; sculpted wood and metals; contemporery polymer to traditional precious metal jewelry; woven clothing and wearable arts; household accessories and children's toys. Unique and attordable works reflective of today's interest with nature and the environment, family roots and traditions, and ethnic diversity satisfy every taste and budget, from simple candles and boxes to ornate tapestries and elegant furniture.

Admission is $5 for adults, $4 tor seniors and free for children under 12, with special group discounts. Free parking and childcare are available. Call 361-0700 tor further information.

DPW May Donate Surplus Computers

S.F. Department of Public Works is examining the teasibility of donating its surplus computers to a computer refurbishing center for distribution to neighborhood organizations. This will enable neighborhood organizations to link with each other and city services through the Internet.

Refurbished computers are free, but the refurbishing center intends to charge a nominal fee for unlimited Internet access, a registered web address, a web page and technical support.

Fairly Interpreting the Third Strike

By District Attorney Terence Hallinan

California's "Three Strikes" sentencing law, which went into attect in 1994, inappropriately uses a sports metaphor to describe what I believe is one of the most serious determinations that I have to make as San Francisco's district attorney.

During the first few months of my administration, I recalled the words ot Stata Attorney General Dan Lungren, who said that he believed local district attorneys' offices should have wida discretion to detarmina what cases were appropriate for "Three Strikes" prosecution.

Toward that end, I hava crafted a policy that I believe San Franciscans will find fair, rational and tough on criminals who commit serious or violent crimes. From a public policy perspective, I wanted to avoid the situation found in other jurisdictions where violent offenders were being released to maka room for someona whose third "strike" was stealing a pizza.

A panel of four attorneys, headed by the chief ot my criminal division, reviews each Three Strike case and makes a recommendation as to whether the defendant deserves to spend 25 years to lita behind bars, the mandatory sentence tor a Three Strikes conviction. It they decide in favor ot using tha Three Strikes Law, or if they are unable to agree, then I have tha final review.

I believe it is important to exercise careful discretion in applying the Three Strikes Law. Where there is insufficiant evidence to prove a prior conviction or where it is in the interest ot justice, I will strike a prior felont conviction. In making this determination, I believe it is important to consider tha seriousness of the new offanse, tha age of the prior convictions, and tha natura and circumstances ot those prior convictions.

For exampla, except under unusual circumstances, I will apply tha Three Strikes Law only if the new offense is a serious or violent felony within the meaning ot the California Penal Code.

Serious felonies include residential burglaries and child molestation. I do not use Three Strikes for drug cases.

This may concern some members ot the public, but how many of them would rather see a first time rapist get cited out ot prison early to make room for someone who was found guilty of passing a bad check as their *third strike*? I therefore suggest that a policy of "enlightened discretion" is our best mechanism for mking the Three Strikes Law an effective crime prevention weapon in the City and County of San Francisco.

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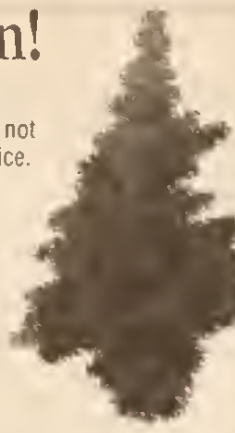
  2700 Sloat Blvd.(46th Ave.), 566-4415
- **The Garden Hound**
  1921 Clement St. (20th Ave.), 387-5608
- **The Planters Nursery**
  3817 24th St. (Church), 285-9087
- **The Living Tree Company**
  1-800-810-PINE



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San Francisco RECYCLING PROGRAM

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ONE DAY COMPOST BIN SALE
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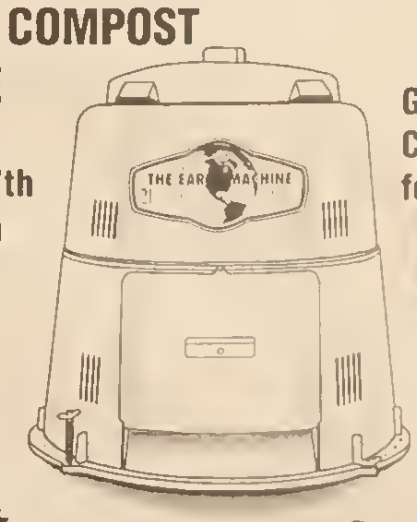
December 7th
9 am - 3 pm



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San Francisco League of Urban Gardeners
2088 Oakdale
285-7585 for more information

SCHOOL PRE-REGISTRATION 1997-98 INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS

Q: What is Pre-Registration?

Pre-Registration is a process where parents/guardians of students who are not attending a San Francisco public school submit a Pre-Registration/Optional Enrollment (OER) form for the school year beginning September 1997 for kindergartan through 12th grades (K-12).

Q: What is an optional enrollment request (OER)?

It is the request made by parents/ guardians in the School Choice section of the Pre-Registration/OER application where they can list the school(s) that they wish their child to attend.

Q: Who is eligible to apply?

Kindergarten through 12th grade students who are new to the San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD) for tha 1997-98 school year; and students currently attending San Francisco public schools who wish to ask for a transfer for tha 1997-98 school year.

AGE REQUIREMENTS

*To attend kindergarten in September 1997, students must have been born on or before December 2, 1991.

*First grade students must have been born on or before December 2, 1991.

APPLICATION PERIOD

*Applications will be accepted from November 1, 1996 through January 10, 1997.

Secondary assignment letters will be mailed the week of March 10, 1997. Elementary assignment letters will be mailed the week of March 24, 1997.

*After January 10, 1997, applications will be considered late and will be available *only* to parents/guardians who are new to tha SFUSD. Parents/guardians who apply before March 30, 1997 will receive notification letters by June 30, 1997. Parents/guardians who submit applications after March 10, 1997 will receive notification letters prior to the first day of school.

SUBMITTING APPLICATIONS

Submit a pre-registration application if you are:

*Enrolling a new student to attend a San Francisco public school for the 1997-98 school year.

*Requesting a transfer from one San Francisco public school to another San Francisco public school for the 1997-98 school year. *Exception:* Current 5th and 8th graders will be promoted automatically to the school based on home address on record with the district. You do not need to complete an OER if you want your child to attend the promoted school of assignment for your home address. Current 5th graders, who are in a K-8 school *will* need to complete an OER if they want to change to the school of assignment for the home address in the 6th grade.

OBTAINING AN APPLICATION

Applications are available at all San Francisco public schools, SFUSD Child Development Centers, and at the Educational Placement Center, 135 Van Ness Ave., Room 1. Completed applications must be submitted at any San Francisco public school or at the Educational Placement Center.

DOCUMENTATION NEEDED IN SUBMITTING APPLICATION

A. For students new to SFUSD:

*Proof of birthdate

*Current proof of home address

B. For students currently attending SFUSD:

*Current proof of home address only

Acceptable documents for proof of birthdate are: a birth certificate, baptismal certificate, hospital record, or passport. A Medi-Cal Card may only be used if nothing else is available.

Acceptable documents for verification of home address with the name of the parent/guardian written on it are: a current PG&E or Pacific Telephone bill; cablevision bill; letter or document from a government agency; or a California Driver's License or Identification (ID) card issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles. *Note:* If a driver's license or identification (ID) card has been changed within 90 days, a second proof of address will be required. The Educational Placement Center reserves the right to request additional documents if deemed necessary to verify residency.

More Dogs and Cats In Macy's Windows During the Holidays

One of San Francisco's most beloved traditions continues this year as cats and dogs from the S.F. SPCA get a chance at a new home when they appear in the windows of Macy's across from Union Square. Starting Nov. 29, each window on Geary Street will be eqipped with all the creature comforts, including temperature controls, furniture for catnaps and hidden litter boxes.

"It's heartwarming to see people coming together to help the most helpless among us -- our animals," said S.F. SPCA President Richard Avanzino. "We're grateful to Macy's for showing us the true meaning of the season."

Volunteers from *Critter Lovers at Work* (CLAW) will be in the front of the windows providing vital statistics on all animals and S.F. SPCA volunteers will be inside the store ready to help with the adoption process. Each adopted pet will be medically screened, vaccinated, and spayed or neutered while coming with a 30-day medical assistence plan at the S.F. SPCA Infirmary.

All animals receive a temporary ID tag, and a leash or carrier.

"The holidays just wouldn't seem the same without those doggies and kitties in our windows," said Brian Preussker a senior vice-president at Macy's. "Last year we helped 221 cats and dogs find new homes and this year we want to beat that record."

Gardening Without Dangerous Chemicals

San Francisco League of Urban Gardeners (SLUG) is again spreading the word about the wonders of *green* gardening and reducing pesticide poisonings at the same time.

SLUG's newest urban greening effort, the Green Gardening Educator Training Program (GGETP) teaches volunteers about gardening without using pesticides or chemical fertilizers. These green gardeners then share their knowledge through workshops with school groups, community organizations and home gardeners throughout the City.

"The Green Garden Educator Training Program has tremendous potential to not only educate people about gardening, but about how to garden safely and reduce our dependence on chemicals," said Odin Zackman, GGETP coordinator. "SLUG is committed to raising environmental awareness and cultivating community through gardening and greening in San Francisco. Through the energy of the participants in this program, we're able to do just that by teaching residents about the benefits of gardening without using dangerous chemicals."

Funded by the San Francisco Water Pollution Prevention Program and the San Francisco Hazardous Waste Management Program, the GGETP has already connected more than 1,500 San Franciscans with an understanding of less-toxic ways to garden, reducing dangers of pesticide exposure for people and their pets.

Green gardening involves a different way of thinking about garden pests by using alternatives to chemicals such as composting, attracting beneficial bugs, utilizing physical barriers and using mild soap sprays. It is particularly focused on generating an awareness of green gardening and pesticide dangers among youth, one of the most susceptible groups to pesticide poisonings.

"My students get so much from being out in the garden, and I'm truly able to teach them not only how to garden, but about larger environmental and community issues," said Michael Lee, a Green Gardening educator and 3rd grade teacher at Rooftop Elementary School.

GGETP participants also educate home gardeners and community groups about the impacts pesticides can have on the environment.

"Garden and yard chemicals poured down street drains or washed away due to rainstorms or overwatering flow to the City's water pollution control plants," explained Paula Kehoe, coordinator of the Water Pollution Prevention Program. "These chemicals, however, may pass through the treatment plants and end up in the San Francisco Bay or Pacific Ocean harming fish and wildlife."

A three year, $60,000 grant from the State of California Department of Pesticide Regulation to continue and expand the GGETP has provided vital support for this program. This spring's Green Garden Educator Training begins on Feb. 22, 1997. Applications for the program are due January 15, 1997 and are available by request from SLUG at 285-7584.

POLICE-RELATED SERVICES

*Emergency	9-1-1
*Non-Emergency	553-0123
*Parking Complaints	553-1200
*Abandoned Cars	781-JUNK
*Neighborhood Watch	673-SAFE
*Narcotics Tips	1-800-CRACKIT
*Landlord/Ten Disputes	554-9550
*Neighbor Disputes	863-6100
*Domestic Violence	864-4722
*Suicide Prevention Line	221-1423
*Stray/Abused Animals	554-6364
*Dumped Items Pickup	695-2017
*Graffiti Cleanup	241-WASH
*Muni Shelter Damage	882-4949
*Community Complaints	333-3433

1997-98 申請預先登記／選擇入學之資料及說明

在何種情形下需填交本表？
- 擬於九七-九八年度就讀本市公校之新生。
- 要求於九七年九月轉往其他本市公校之舊生。

註　五年級或八年級升直初中或高中之公校生，不必填交任何表格。唯欲轉往非按址所屬之學校則例外，目前在設有由幼稚園至八年級之學校就讀之小五學生，如欲轉至按址所屬之初中，務須填交本表格。

往何處索取及繳交申請表？
本表於本市任何公校、託兒中心及本處均有供應，本處地址為　135 Van Ness Avenue, #1　填妥之表格可交往任何本市公校或本處。

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何謂選擇入學？
選擇入學乃家長或監護人在申請表上選擇學校之部分內填列希望子女就讀之學校。

申請資格
- 九七-九八年度初入三藩市公立學校幼稚園至十二年級之學生。
- 目前已在本市公校就讀而希望於九七-九八年度轉至他校之學生。

年齡限制
- 九七年九月入幼稚園之學生，須於九二年十二月二日或以前出生。
- 九七年九月入一級之學生，須於九一年十二月二日或以前出生。

申請期限
- 由一九九六年十一月一日起至一九九七年一月十日止，在此期間填交表格之中學生通知書將於九七年三月十日之一週內付郵，小學生通知書則於九七年三月二十四日之一週內付郵。
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- 出生證明
- 地址證明

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- 只需地址證明

認可之出生證件
- 出生證書
- 教會領洗證
- 醫院紀錄
- 護照
- 醫療補助卡（只限於無任何其他證明文件時用）

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- 本月或上月之有線電視收據，
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VISITACION VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SCHOLARS FOR THE FIRST GRADING PERIOD!

PRINCIPAL'S HONOR ROLL 4.00

6TH GRADE
Alan Cheng
Kathryn Chow
Lily Feng
Ana Guanzon
Ronel Jose
Fu Khoupangna
Wei Lau
Bobby Lew
Mary Turla
Linda Wu
Muzi Yuan

7TH GRADE
Matthew Feng
Elena Huang
Helen Truong
Sasanna Yee

8TH GRADE
Pui Sandy Che

HIGH HONOR ROLL 3.50-3.99

6TH GRADE
Elbert Chan
Katheryn Donahan
Allen Ko
Shawn Smith
Tiara Wilson
Mei Yuen
Christopher Santana
Derek Afalava
Ernesto Hernandez
Rachel Russell
Jenny Wu
Christopher Ancheta
Omar Bubakar
Cassandra Camacho
Stanley Feng
Jie Huang
Shanica Knowles
Warren Lam
Hoa Ly
Jessie Nguy
Kenny Nguyen
Kathleen Quan
Hui Yuan
Sheryl Zapanta
Alex Wong

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Angela Li
Anthony Cruz
Brian Hou
Daniel Afalava
Diane Thomas
Helen Yu
Joseph Cruz
Michael Zhao
Patrick Mah
Raymond Chu
Simon Liao
Sirena Chew
Vanessa Devera
Randy Lau
Elizabeth Ng
Michael Ordona
Wai-Ming Tsang

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Hoi Poi Kwan
April Prado
Josette Turner
Nuvia Urena
Lisa Wong
Anthony Yim
Anthony Morris
Stephen Chan
Jun Chen
Fan Lau
Magnus Ma
Joyce Tam
Ny Liny Ly
Jerry Mok
Maria Ordonez
Leilani Quesada
Melissa Tapac
Zhi Qiang Wu
Carrie Yee
Emily Ko
Cuong Sy
Yue-Fang Hu

HONOR ROLL 3.00-3.49

6TH GRADE
Raenon Benitez
Tina Bui
Tuiofu Humkin
Yi Jiang
Helen Lam
Jing-Yi Li
Debbie Morales
Jonilee Perez
Kavaris Stewart
Judith Super
David Tang
Amy Tien
Michael Tran
Dwan Williams
Derrick Brown
Maya Amerson
Zizhao Gnan
Tiffany Lucas
Anna Molina
Amin Sroles
Mark Tolentino
Jay Alano
Ronaldo Batang
Din In
Wendy Lee
Daniel Letele
Anne Rebucas
Renal Blueford
Petrece Buckins
Rickey Butler
Kathy Cano
Lap Chan
Thi Dang
Sergio Escobar
Teela Hunkin
Jenny Huynh
Nicasio Quintana, Jr.
Shalondra Rose
Robert Shelton
Janet Siharath
Jai-Wei Xu

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Clara Delara
Jeremy Konaris
Hunter Nguyen
Leia Quesada
Cuong Sy
Ayshia Hussain
Jackson Ng
Khanh Nguyen
Nhu Nguyen
Rafael Porter
Alamin Thien
Isaac Tuialuuluu
Can Chuc
Hardy Low
Donald Espino
Itzagueri Ferreyra
Ceisa Gonzalez
Stephen Irving-Smith
Min Liang
Kayla Mitchell
Walter Mollinedo
Alan Mopas
Annie Ramoso
John Reclosado
Rhodel Rosales

8TH GRADE
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Tenisha Green
William Lee
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Bao Tran
Maria Urena
Liezi Hidalgo
Maria Mortensen
Rossevelt Watson
Ying Huang
Benjamin Jiang
Cynthia Mahinay
Shu Ouyang
Wendy Su
Marita Turla
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Grace Laylay
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Gilfred Cariaso
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Daniel Lopez
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Emily Howard
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Environmental Tips for the Holidays

By David Assmann

As the holiday season gets into full swing, a little ingenuity will help you minimize the impact of tha season on the environment. Here ere some tips to get you started:

*Buy gifts that benefit tha environment. These could includa memberships in environmental organizations, hand-made end home-made gifts, gardening items or long-lasting "environmental" gifts like a solar battery chargar with rechargeabla batteries, water-conserving shower heads or ceramic mugs. For kids, consider giving an environmental excursion, like a whale-watching or camping trip; or enroll them in a holiday class at tha Randall Museum (554-9600) where they can make holiday decorations and gifts from previously used materials.

*Taka a canvas bag or back pack when you go shopping. One-third of all municipal solid waste is packaging. Much of this packaging is not even needed in tha first place. You can help reduca this wasta by reusing packaging and only accepting packaging when absolutely necessary. For every dollar you spend in stores, 10 cents is used to pay for packaging.

*If you are entertaining, send invitations on recycled paper, buy in bulk, and use reusable dishes and utensils. If you need paper products, buy products made from recycled paper. Set up an area to recycle cans, bottles and other recyclables at your party. Decorate with plants, flowers and reused materials instead of plastic streamers. Rent or borrow infrequently used items like punchbowls or large platters. You can also set up a sharing arrangement with neighbors for party items you may only need once or twice a year.

*Recycle the natural way - by composting your food end vegetable trimmings. San Franciscans throw away more than 165 million pounds of food and yard waste every year. Much of this waste can be composed into a soil amendment for house and garden plants. You can get a $100 backyard compost bin for only $24.50 if you go to the special holiday bin day on Saturday, Dec. 7 organized by tha San Francisco League of Urban Gardeners (SLUG) at 2088 Oakdale Ave. For more information, call 285-7585.

*Recyle your junk mail and catalogs. As tha holiday season approaches, our mail boxes bulge with catalogs and other junk mail. In fact, we're eight times as likely to receive a piece of junk mail es we are to receive a personal letter. But even though junk mail and catalogs can be recycled through San Francisco's curbside and apartment collection programs, about 30 percent of recyclers don't recycle their junk mail. You don't even need to tear out the plastic windows.

*Use recycled and reusable materials in your gift wrapping and packaging. Buy recycled wrapping paper, use air-popped popcorn or newspaper for packing and reuse your packing materials. You can also use reused and reusable boxes, baskets, bags and tins. Cloth napkins, dish towels, scarves, handkerchiefs and clothing can be both wrapping and gifts. Decorated paper or grocery bags can add a personal touch. A personal quota or favorite poem adds meaning to the package. Old cards can be recycled into gift tags.

*Recycle your steel cans and glass containers (bottles and jars). Every year, San Francisco residents throw out more than eight million pounds it steel cans and 24 million pounds of glass containers. Remember, all tin/steel cans and all glass containers (bottles and jars) are recyclable in San Francisco's curbside and apartment recycling programe. You can also recycle your #1 and #2 plastic bottles.

*If you do purchase a tree, consider a live, potted or a reusable one. For example, the *Living Tree Company* (800-810-PINE) offers free delivery and pick-up of potted trees for about the sama price as a cut tree. Call 554-6193 for more information.

*After tha holiday season is over, sava your old cards, wrapping paper and packing materials for reuse. If you hava Styrofoam peanuts left ovar, you can donata them to the nearest Mail Boxes, etc. so that they can reuse them. You can also arranga to have your old holiday cards reused. Send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Jack Early, All-Year Christmas Cheer, 134 Pfeiffer St., San Francisco 94133 for a list of pieces around tha world that reuse holiday cards. Remember to recycle your desktop calendars and other non-reusable materials. Donate unwanted clothing and gifts to thrift stores. And if you work in an office, do not throw your old desktop calendars out of the window at work - this wastes valuable resources and costs tha City thousands of dollars in cleanup costs.

P.S. We're looking for volunteers to help us with our annual waste prevention campaign in 50 supermarkets in January. Call 554-3400 for details.

Happy Holidays

From Visitacion Valley Merchants Association

A.T.& B. Market (produce and groceries), 2400 Bayshore Blvd. - 586-4851 - Tom - 7 days 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Angel Coiffures (beutician), 5 Leland Ave. - 239-9891 - Myrtle McMorris - Mon.-Sat. 10 a.m. until done

Armando's Shoe Repair, 156A Leland Ava. - 239-7216 - Armando Rosignulo - Mon.-Sun. 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Baldini Realty/Water Pollution Prevention, 4977 Mission St., 94112 - 587-4212 - Cecilie Wong

Bank of America, 6 Leland Ave. - 622-4501 - Colleen San Diego - Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Bayshora Gas & Service (gas and mechanic), 2260 Bayshore Blvd. - 467-6130 - Carl - Mon.-Sat. 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Bayshore Service (mechanic) 2598 Bayshore Blvd. - 239-8239 - Mon.-Fri. 7 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Charlie's Garaga (mechanic) 2550 Bayshore Blvd. - 239-7450 - Charlia Awegh - Mon.-Sat. 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

City Nails (manicurist) 2436 Bayshore Blvd. - 333-3865 - Mon.-Fri. 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Cliff's Barbeque (restaurent - barbequa and seatood), 2177 Bayshore Blvd.

Cuneo Bakery (Italian), 98 Leland Ava. - 239-6090 - Mario Magaligin - Mon.-Fri., 7 a.m. to 2 p.m., Sat. 7 a.m. to 12 noon.

DeMasi's Barber Shop, 35 Leland Ava.

Discount Goldfish & Tropicals (aquariums and fish), 130 Leland Ave. - Mon.-Fri. 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Sat. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sun. 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Forty-Niner Cleaners, 61 Leland Ave. - 239-6416 - David Chan - Mon.-Sat. 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Going Federal (music, clothing, gifts), 170-B Leland Ave. - 584-1103

Hsun Kuang Restaurant (Chinese), 30 Leland Ava. - 587-2763

Hong Yun Restaurant (Vietnamese), 73 Leland Ava. - 469-5686 - Mon.-Sat. 7 a.m.-6:30 p.m., Sun. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Hwok Hong Chinese Herbs (herbalist), 57 Leland Ave. - 585-8751 - Dr. Qiong Zhang Shen - Mon.-Sun. 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

J & J Nail (manicurist), 161 Leland Ave. - 452-0499 - Tina - Mon.-Sat. 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Leland Avenue Cleanera, 151 Leland Ave. - 586-1412 - Betty Chung - Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sat. 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Little Quiapo Bake Shop (Hispanic), 169 Leland Ave. - 239-2253 - Juliet Dog Ma - Mon.-Fri. 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Louella'a Deli, 2412 Bayshora Blvd. - 337-1654

Luen Fat Bakery (Chinese bakary and restaurant), 110 Leland Ava. 585-1167 - Joe Chung - Mon.-Sun. 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Maggie'a (Samoan groceries, gifts and fabrics), 15 Leland Ave. - 585-0509

May May Beauty Salon, 60 Leland Ave. - 337-9381 - Mon.-Fri. 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Mireya'a Designer Gift Shop (gifts and flowers), 91 Leland Ave. - 585-0391 or 738-1215

Nails By Janny (manicurist), 50 Leland Ave. - 333-6600 - Nancy Ha - Mon.-Sat. 9:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Nationwida Paper Company (paper products manufacturer) 345 Schwerin St. - 586-9150

A New Start Hair Studio (beautician), 224 Leland Ave. - 584-3077 - Joyca - Tua.-Thur. 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Fri.-Sat. 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Pacific Fish & Poultry, 2155 Bayshore Blvd. - 468-6600 - Jack/John - Mon.-Sat. 6:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Piccolo Pete (American deli), 2155 Bayshore Blvd. - 468-6600 - Jack/John - Mon.-Sat. 6:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Royal Pacific Mortgaga (financing), 46 Leland Ave. - 333-4900, 333-4984 (fax) - Tito Dela Cruz

Sam's Deli & Liquor (liquor and groceries), 25 Leland Ave. - 239-7183 - 7 Days 10 a.m. to 12 midnight

Sari-Sari Food Store (groceries and videos), 38 Leland Ave. - 239-0580 - Tito Dela Cruz - Mon.-Sat. 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Sun. 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Schlaga Lock (manufacturer of locks and keys), 2401 Bayshore Blvd. - 467-1100

7-11 (convenience stora), 2200 Bayshore Blvd. - 467-1711 - Joseph Khalat - 24 hours

Shirel's Deli (soul food restaurant, *soon to open*), 107 Leland Ave.

Shirel's Flowers (florist and gift shop), 91 Leland Ave. - 587-0491 (280-4466) - Sabrina Smith - Tua.-Sat. 11:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Smith's Signs, 153 Leland Ave. - 333-2700

Super Fair Market (groceries), 201 Leland Ava. - 239-6856 - Sanjeer Kharbanda - Mon.-Sun. 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

T & M Sewing (manufacturing and sewing), 38 Leland Ave. - 337-8383

T.W. Automotive (mechanic), 2500 Bayshore Blvd. - 585-8281 - Mon.-Fri. 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Tate Electric (electrical contractor), 134 Harkness - 467-4657 - Joel Teta - *by appointment*

Tumtax U.S.A. (real estate developer), 150 Executive Park Blvd. - 468-6676 - Bonnie Bamburg - Mon.-Fri. 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Two Jack's (restaurant - seafood and burgers), 157 Leland Ave. - 337-0433 - Almeta Perry - Mon.-Sat. 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Valley Auto & Truck Supply (automotive supplies), 2520 Bayshore Blvd. - 239-5880 - Bill Conte, Marc Pullian - Mon.-Sat. 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Valley Super Market (groceries) 65 Leland Ave. - 239-7520 - Mon.-Sun. 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Visitacion Station USPO (U.S. Post Office), 68 Leland Ave., Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sat. 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Visitacion Valley Library (public library branch), 45 Leland Ave. - 239-5270 - Betty Williams - Tues. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Wed. 12 noon to 7 p.m., Thur. 1 p.m. to 7 p.m., Fri. 1 to 6 p.m., Sat. 12 noon to 6 p.m.

Visitacion Valley Medical Clinic (St. Luke's clinic), 82 Leland Ave. - 584-7386

Visitacion Valley Pharmacy (pharmacy and sundries), 100 Leland Ave. - 239-5811 - Oliver Lee - Mon.-Fri. 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Peculiar Doings

Some folk would even go as far to say that this column is an *embarrassment to humankind*, but I suppose I could find about 5,000 reasons why it isn't...

*A recent poll reveals many physicians don't get enough exercise or eat right. But did we ever believe that court judges don't tell lies?

*Then there's the medical advice to *do nothing* if a person has lower back pain, with pain killers liable to do more harm than good. Sufferin'succotash!

*Hard to believe school officials down in Texas would go so far as suspending a girl for having Advil in her back pack. Geez! Next they'll be going after Dristan.

*A couple of researchers out of Duke University claim aging patterns will allow a few people to soon live to 135. Now there's some low back pain!

*How about those cops up in Buffalo who were suspended after a security camera in a convenience store taped them helping themselves to the goods. Do-nut know about that one...

*Then there was the shoplifter in Baltimore who ripped-off film from a drug store only to flee and surrender to TV cops he thought were real down the street. Cop mock.

*Not to be outdone is the bank robber in Pleasanton who got away with the loot only to be captured hours later when he went back inside to cash a check. Cancel him.

*Over in Sweden, a court had the brains to reject an appeal by parents to give their kid a first name with 43 characters. So they were little trying for *big name* recognition.

*Funny thing how the French were really touchy about a McDonald's going into one of their old buildings, when up in Sweden they're happy with one having a ski-through window. Hope the coffee's not too hot!

*A bunch of Dutch doctors say it isn't good to drink alcohol on a long flight ... but most people fly long on good alcohol anyway.

*Down in North Carolina, when one truck driver slammed on his brakes to avoid slamming into another vehicle, the load he was carrying became undone and spilled chicken intestines all over the place. Boy, did he have guts!

*Down in Australia, an engineer thinks he's solved the mystery of the Bermuda Triangle - whirlpools. Guess the boats and planes disappear during a *spin cycle*.

*Seems some English astronomers have found the number 42 to be value of an essential scientific constant. Fifty, on the other hand, could be the equivalent of a mid-life crisis.

*News out of Los Angeles is that about one in every nine residents are mildly depressed. No indication, though, on which were Raiders or Rams fans.

*Whew! In Harrisburg, PA, a guy who surprised and beat up some poor fool he caught *in a compromising position* with his girlfriend got five minutes of probation from tha judge. Maybe the malfunctioning candy machine out in the hallway would be best avoided.

*In Singapore, where canes are able, dogs are now being fitted with microchips to track their whereabouts. Well, I'll be doggone!

*Meanwhile in Washington, tha government is doing tests on a gizmo that disables a car's engine to avoid high speed chases. Push a button, go to jail.

*Last, but not least, we have the people of Beijing doing their own *high speed chases* during *rat killing day* on Nov. 12. Each rat was worth about 12 cents. That'll buy a lot of funny books...

Visitacion Valley Middle School on the Move!

Do Parents Want Uniforms for VVMS Students?

Parents, guardians and those interested are invited to attend a Dec. 5 meeting of the Key-SEC *Uniform Committee* at Visitacion Valley Middle School (VVMS) to further determine if students should have school uniforms. If there is enough interest, an official ballot will be mailed to every parent and guardian. For more information, contact Beverly Peoples at 469-4590.

KEY-SEC MEETING

Next parent meeting is scheduled for Dec. 11 at 4:30 p.m. in tha VVMS library. Officers were elected at the last meeting.

CANNED FOOD DRIVE

Visitacion Valley Family Support Center and VVMS are sponsoring a canned and non-perishable food driva until Dec. 18. VVMS has placed a box in each classroom for food items to be counted each week. At tha end of the food driva, classrooms with largest donations will be rewarded. VVMS expects to contribute enough food items for 45 food baskets.

BASKETBALL GAMES

Both girls' and boys' basketball teams at VVMS have winning records and are hoping to maka the playoffs. A combination of winning, music and cheerleading has created an exciting atmosphere at VVMS.

NETWORK CABLE

Bids are almost complete to wire VVMS for network computing. Work is expected to be completed next March to link computers throughout the school.

REWARD SYSTEM

Acknowledging students exhibiting good behavior and taking responsibility for their actions, a school-wide system at VVMS known as *Falcon Claws* rewards with a *claw* being placed in a box. At tha end of each week, six students are selected to receive a *Falcon* water bottle and a *Citizen of the Week* certificate.

Other rewards, including T-shirts, have been ordered for scheduled *Falcon Claw* assemblies in December. Reward assemblies will also include a *money jump* which generated lots of excitement at VVMS last year.

NEW BAND PROGRAM

Beginning band for 6th grade students is scheduled to soon commence. Band instructor Rachel Barr is pleased with the number of 6th graders at VVMS having requested a band program.

FALL BAND CONCERT

Giving students an opportunity to display their musical talent, an annual *fall band concert* is scheduled for Dec. 11 at 6 p.m. in the VVMS auditorium.

IMPORTANT SCHOOL DATES

Dec. 3: Basketball vs. Burbank at 3:30 p.m. in gym; 5: Basketball vs. Hoover at 3:30 p.m. in gym; 5: Teen Issues Night, 7 to 6:30 p.m. in auditorium; 23: Winter recess; Jan. 8: School begins; 10: Staff Development Day (no school); 16-17: Hearing screening tests; 20: Martin Luther King Day (no school); 24: End of third reporting cycle; 27: Semester break (no school).

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Frozen Pizza Rated Top Food Choice In Survey of Large American Cities

Recognizing that many families today have to juggle hectic schedules with their concerns for healthy eating, the National Frozen Pizza Institute (NFPI) is letting the public know that frozen pizza is quick, tasty and a good source of three nutrients needed for good nutrition: carbohydrates, protein and calcium.

NFPI reports nearly two-thirds of American households now consume frozen pizza, with the average household eating more than eight per year. All this added up to approximately $22.2 billion spent in 1995 on total combined pizza sales, according to a *Pizza Market* study conducted by a market research firm.

A thorough analysis of frozen pizza consumers found that half of American households purchase frozen pizza products monthly, with 41 percent using at least two packages in a given 30-day period. About 27 percent will use four or more packages in that period – at least one per week.

New technology now makes frozen pizza as tasty and versatile as restaurant-made varieties. Today there is rising crust pizza where the dough bakes for the first time in the consumer's oven and specialty pizzas, with such toppings as barbecue chicken, turkey sausage and spinach.

"By offering a wide range of specialty flavors, toppings, sauces and sizes, frozen pizza is changing the options of families and singles for delicious, great-tasting meals that they can have at home," said Kimberly Ramsey, NFPI executive director.

According to statistics, Des Moines residents are the top frozen pizza eaters with residents consuming nearly three times as much as the rest of the country and four times as much as Los Angeles. Second in line is Minneapolis/St. Paul, followed by St. Louis, Omaha, Denver, Charlotte, Indianapolis, Chicago and Memphis.

Frozen pizza also makes a nutritious snack, which pediatricians and nutrition experts agree is necessary for children and teenagers to get calories and nutrients needed for growth. Children get hungrier faster than adults because their stomachs are small for the energy they expend.

A typical serving of frozen pizza contains 36 percent of the daily value for protein, 14 percent for carbohydrates and 28 percent for fat.

"Consumers can feel good about serving frozen pizza for both meals and snacks," said Ramsey. "Besides being nutritious, frozen pizza is convenient, easy to prepare and just plain fun."

FAST FACTS ON FROZEN PIZZA

There is no doubt frozen pizza ranks up there with hot dogs and apple pie as one of America's favorite foods. These following facts document America's growing love affair with frozen pizza as a nutritious meal or snack:

- $1.6 billion worth of frozen pizza is sold each year in supermarkets.
- Almost two-thirds of all American households – 64 percent – now consume frozen pizza.
- On average, U.S. households serve frozen pizza 11 times per year.
- An average American consumes 2.45 pounds of frozen pizza annually.
- Frozen pizza is served most often for dinner (59 percent) followed by lunch (32 percent).
- Frozen pizza is most likely to be served on Fridays and Saturdays.
- Frozen pizza is one of the foods most frequently consumed on Super Bowl Sunday compared to an average Sunday.
- In terms of sales, the deluxe/combination pizza is the best seller with 34 percent. Pepperoni comes in with 25 percent and cheese with 21 percent, followed by sausage, beef/hamburger and Canadian bacon.
- Tastes vary by region of the country. In the New York area, over half the pizzas sold are plain cheese. In the Dallas area, pepperoni outsells sausage pizza by 3 to 1, whereas in Chicago, sausage is twice as popular as pepperoni. Canadian bacon has its largest share in the Minneapolis area.

Cable Car Crews Raise Funds for Injured Boy

Cable car crews held a fund-raising barbecue at the Cable Car Barn on Nov. 6 to help pay medical bills of Chi Ho (Jacky) Ng, who was struck by a hit-and-run driver while on his way to school.

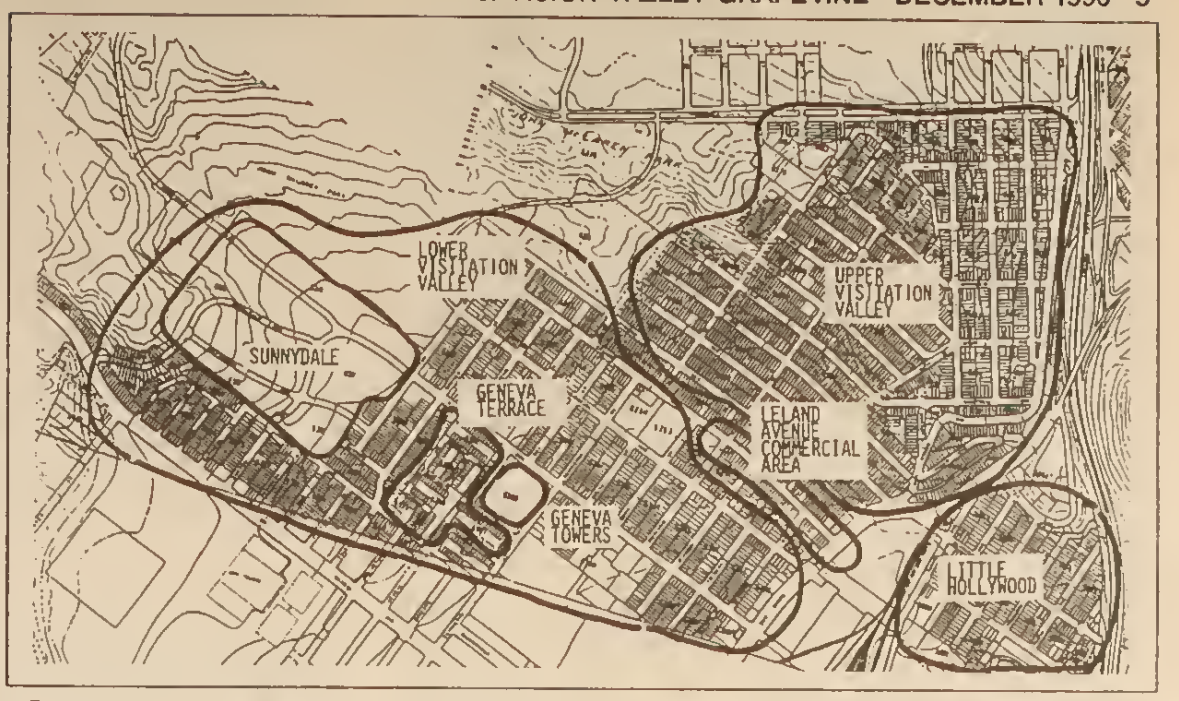
Jacky had just gotten off a cable car operated by gripman Craig Allen at Northpoint and Hyde Streets on Oct. 16 when a small yellow car ran a red light, swerved around the cable car, hit Jacky in the crosswalk and sped away.

Impact from the accident threw the youth over the top of the car, causing a broken leg and injuring his head. Although the 7th grade Marina Middle School student suffered swelling in his brain, he is making a swift recovery.

Allen and his wife Mary, a Muni department manager, had also raised an additional $636 from fellow employees prior to the event.

Wedding of the Waters

Craig Carrozzi's journey along the Amazon River will continue in next month's issue.



Representation in the reorganized Visitacion Valley Task Force will consist of two members from each of the seven sections of Visitacion Valley, with seven additional members from the church, school, senior association and business sectors.

Task Force Meeting

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sion along with Judith Sandoval.

Both chairs still remain open for representation of *Geneva Terrace*, as do three of the four slots slated in representing the Valley's *business* interests.

Next VVTF meeting will be held in January.

JOB PROGRAM

Village Director Vernon Long stressed the importance of a recently created Visitacion Valley Job, Education and Training (VVJET) Program designed to train and seek employment for local residents. He pointed out that the program was established to serve all residents in the Valley.

SAFETY SUBCOMMITTEE

With *safety* and *communication* two new categories added to Enterprise Zone funding, members of the VVTF *Safety Subcomittee* discussed several ideas in creating a communications model in Visitacion Valley to keep its residents updated on various issues. Several ideas centered on the *Grapevine*, hit hard in recent years by rising newsprint costs. Plans suggested in enhancing the monthly's news scope included: translating important *Grapevine* articles for targeted neighborhood areas, creating both a neighborhood electronic bulletin board and a Valley web page, and resuming door-to-door delivery of the newspaper through pilot programs. Home delivery of the *Grapevine* was stopped in January, 1991 to conserve funds following expiration of the newspaper's original grant funding.

BEACON CENTER

Beacon Director David Wiener presented an informative update of activities at the Center since it opened at the Middle School on June 10, including a photo presentation of five new classes having recently commenced. Dozens of Valley residents have already benefitted from its skill seminars and ESL classes, which were non-existent in the Valley just a little more than a year ago.

OTHER SPEAKERS

In other presentations, Malik Looper and Judith Sandoval each spoke on benefits of the Valley's Enterprise Community, while members of Urban Ecology, Inc. in Oakland described their program advocating sustainable development in the Bay Area.

NERT Training Scheduled at VVMS

Neighborhood Emergency Response Team (NERT) training by professional firefighters will be held in Visitacion Valley at the Middle School for six weeks on Monday evenings. Classes are on Jan. 6, 13, 27 and Feb. 3, 10 and 24 from 6:30 to 9 p.m.

With a goal to "Do the most good for the most people," NERT was developed to help citizens of San Francisco be self-sufficient in a major disaster by developing multi-functioning teams cross-trained in basic skills. These include utility control, fire fighting, disaster medicine, building damage recognition, and light search and rescue techniques.

Enrollment is through the S.F. Fire Department NERT Office at 558-3456.

Crossword Solution

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Historic Proportions

Match clues to answers.

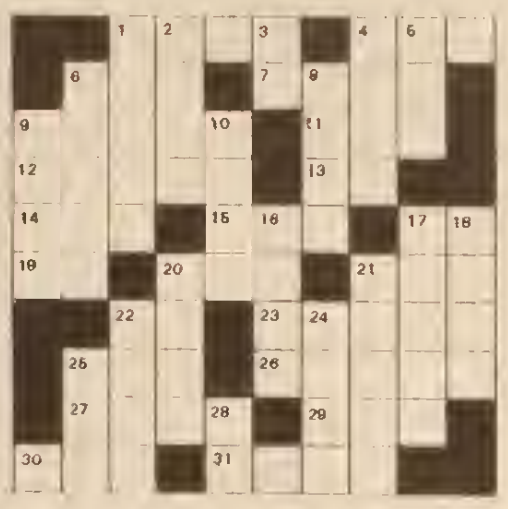
1973

1. He resigns in shame on Oct. 10.
2. This became the first American commercial product sold in the USSR.
3. *Best Drama Series* at the Emmy Awards on May 20.
4. A little grid was developed but now it won't go away.
5. After June 30, this is history.
6. *Best Picture* at the Academy Awards on Mar. 27.
7. But this movie was the top money-maker.
8. They won the World Series.
9. Baseball pennant winners with history's worst regular season record.
10. This is finally signed on Jan. 23.
11. On Jan. 28, Buddy Ebsen is *Jed* no more.
12. He was singing about *Time in a Bottle.*
13. They're the Super Bowl champs.
14. On Sept. 23, he's again the top man in Argentina.
15. A new Vice-President for the U.S. on Dec. 6.
16. They're the NBA champs.
17. A $25 million bonanza, this movie was shot in 25 days for $750,000.
18. She won a Grammy as *Best New Artist.*

A. Vietnam Peace Agreement
B. Universal product code
C. New York Mets
D. Vice-President Spiro Agnew
E. Barnaby Jones
F. Juan Peron
G. The Poseidon Adventure
H. American Graffiti
I. New York Knicks
J. Bette Midler
K. Miami Dolphins
L. The Waltons
M. The Godfather
N. Pepsi
O. Jim Croce
P. The Draft
Q. Oakland Athletics
R. Gerald Ford

Answers: 1-D; 2-N; 3-L; 4-B; 5-P; 6-M; 7-G; 8-Q; 9-C; 10-A; 11-E; 12-O; 13-K; 14-F; 15-R; 16-I; 17-H; 18-J.

Grapevine Crossword



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4. Weight
6. Chicken
7. Actor
9. Trinkets
11. Monkey
12. Wash
13. That is
14. Donkey
15. Picture
17. Street
19. New Testament
20. Is
21. Resort
22. Francium
23. Pains
25. Fury
26. Guzzled
27. Pack
29. Weird
30. Tree
31. Developed

DOWN
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2. Finishes
3. Steamship
4. Bandage
5. Mineral
6. Steal
8. Marsupial
9. Cereal
10. Brand
16. Study
17. Buy
18. Job
20. Space
21. Drape
22. Through
24. Clip
25. Sick
28. Doctor

This Month in S.F. History

DECEMBER

1: In 1856, an association of several printers established the Daily Morning Call, publishing the newspaper six times a week.

4: In 1915, the Panama Pacific Exposition closed its gates.

9: In 1913, construction began on the Palace of Fine Arts for the Panama Pacific Exposition. In 1941, with the nation shocked by the December 7 Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, San Francisco experienced its first wartime blackout at 6:15 p.m.

10: In 1923, Cornelius Vanderbilt Jr. began publishing the San Francisco Illustrated Daily Herald, a one cent tabloid devoted to unsensational journalism.

11: In 1914, the Stockton St. Tunnel - a 911-foot cut through Nob Hill between Sacramento and Sutter Sts. - was finished. Its completion was celebrated December 29, with Muni F-line streetcars running through it the next day. In 1975, the first mayoral runoff election in S.F. history resulted in George Moscone defeating John Barbagelata by 4,000 votes.

13: In 1979, ferryboats Golden Gate Bridge District ferries began operation on S.F. Bay with 582 passengers making the first trip.

21: In 1952, the twin-bore Broadway Tunnel was completed through Russian Hill between Powell and Larkin Sts.

24: In 1849, a severe fire caused more than $1 million in damage, destroying the City's business district.

25: In 1871, construction began on S.F. City Hall at Market and McAllister Sts., to be eventually completed and opened more than 29 years later. In 1912, Muni began service with Mayor James Rolph operating the first streetcar on Geary St.

29: In 1956, after 44 years of streetcar service, the 6-Geary line was replaced by 38 Geary busses.

30: In 1857, compilers of the first S.F. Directory estimated the City's total population at 60,500, including 15,000 females and 19,000 under age 21.

Glass Artists to Exhibit at Nexus Gallery

One-of-a-kind vases, bowls, pitchers and tumblers, as well as jewelry and sculpture will be for sale Dec. 7 to 22 when Oakland glass artists Bruce Pizzichillo and Dari Gordon exhibit at Nexus Gallery, 2701 8th St. in Berkeley.

There will be many pieces made especially for this sale, which will include studio *seconds* at bargain prices. Open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., more information is available at (510) 832-8360.

Compost Workshops At Holiday Bin Sale

S.F. League of Urban Gardeners (SLUG) will offer free composting workshops beginning every 20 minutes at their *Holiday Compost Bin Sale* on Saturday, Dec. 7 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 2088 Oakdale Ave. (off Industrial). Sponsored by the S.F. Recycling Program, bins will be available for only $24.50. Call SLUG's *Rotline* at 285-7585 for more information.

Five Years Ago In the Grapevine

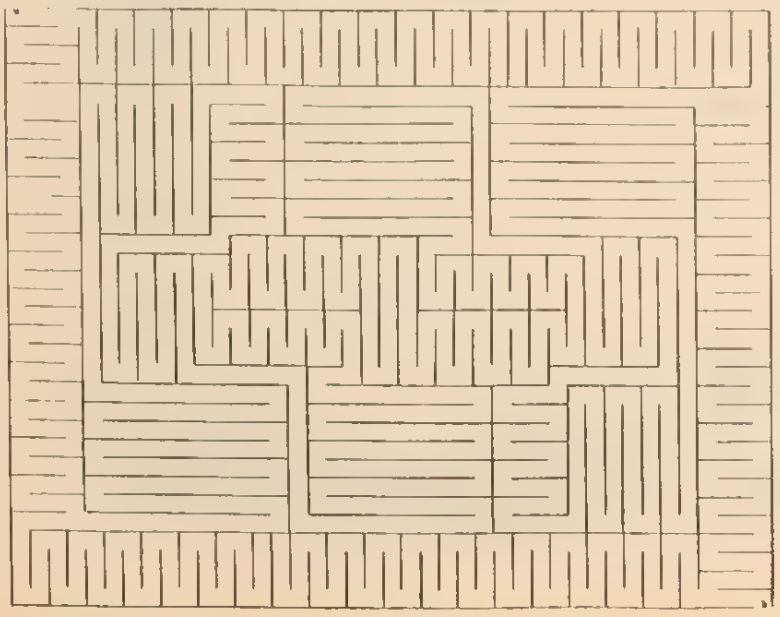
DECEMBER 1991

•Formation of a Valley-Wide Parents' Council was planned at a meeting scheduled Dec. 3.

•Residents of both Sunnydale and Geneva Towers came together Nov. 8 for a *Cease Fire Candlelight Vigil* to take the neighborhood back from drug pushers and gang bangers having terrorized the area.

•St. James Presbyterian Church awarded its annual *Peacemaking Award* on Nov. 24 to both the Sunnydale *Just Say No* Club and the Visitacion Valley Elementary School *Conflict Managers.*

MINUTE MAZE



Grapevine Puzzler — Academy Award Movies

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Broadway Melody
All Quiet on the Western Front
Cimarron
Grand Hotel
Cavalcade
It Happened One Night
Mutiny on the Bounty
The Great Ziegfeld
Life of Emile Zola
You Can't Take It With You
Gone With the Wind
Rebecca
How Green Was My Valley
Mrs. Miniver

Casablanca
Going My Way
The Lost Weekend
The Best Years of Our Lives
Gentleman's Agreement
Hamlet
All the King's Men
All About Eve
An American in Paris
The Greatest Show on Earth
From Here to Eternity
On the Waterfront
Marty
Around the World in Eighty Days
The Bridge on the River Kwai

Gigi
Ben-Hur
The Apartment
West Side Story
Lawrence of Arabia
Tom Jones
My Fair Lady
The Sound of Music
A Man for All Seasons
In the Heat of the Night
Oliver
Midnight Cowboy
Patton
The French Connection
The Godfather
The Sting
The Godfather, Part Two
One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest

Rocky
Annie Hall
The Deer Hunter
Kramer vs. Kramer
Ordinary People
Chariots of Fire
Gandhi
Terms of Endearment
Amadeus
Out of Africa
Platoon
The Last Emperor
Rain Man
Driving Miss Daisy
Dances With Wolves
The Silence of the Lambs
Unforgiven
Schindler's List
Forrest Gump
Braveheart

Boz Who?

Match quotes to speakers.

1. "It's not that I'm afraid to die, I just don't want to be there when it happens."
2. "I always turn to the sports section first. The sports page records people's accomplishments; the front page has nothing but man's failures."
3. "To apologize is to lay the foundation for a future offense."
4. "For nothing can seem foul to those that win."
5. "Necessity never makes a good bargain."
6. "The other teams could make trouble for us if they win."
7. "Please accept my resignation. I don't care to belong to any club that will have me as a member"
8. "Wit is educated insolence."
9. "Fools make research and wise men exploit them."

A. William Shakespeare
B. H.G. Wells
C. Benjamin Franklin
D. Woody Allen
E. Aristotle
F. Yogi Berra
G. Earl Warren
H. Groucho Marx
I. Ambrose Bierce

Answers: 1-D; 2-G; 3-I; 4-A; 5-C; 6-F; 7-H; 8-E; 9-B.

SUMP, THE GRUMP

Famous Birthdays

DECEMBER

1: Woody Allen (1835); Dan Blocker (1932); Ray Collins (1889); David Doyle (1929); Mary Martin (1949); Una Merkel (1903); Bette Midler (1945); Richard Pryor (1940); Lou Rawls (1936); Max C. Robinson (1939); Dick Shawn (1929); Charlene Tilton (1958)

2: Tracy Austin (1962); Cathy Lee Crosby (1949); Irene Dunne (1904); Charley Grapewin (1975); Adolph Green (1915); Alexander Haig (1924); Julie Harris (1925); Ed Meese (1931); Donald Woods (1904)

3: Don McNeill (1907); Ozzy Osbourne (1948); Bert Parks (1914); Jo Van Fleet (1919); Andy Williams (1930)

4: Max Baer, Jr. (1937); Jeff Bridges (1948); Deana Durbin (1921); Francisco Franco (1892); Buck Jones (1891); Wink Martindale (1834)

5: Morgan Brittany (1951); Gen. George Custar (1839); Walt Disney (1908); Little Richard (1935); Barton MacLane (1900); Jim Messina (1947); Otto Preminger (1906); Martin Van Buren (1792)

9: Ira Gershwin (1896); Wally Cox (1924); Lynn Fontanne (1887); Dorothy Kirsten (1918); Steve Wright (1955)

7: Johnny Bench (1947); Larry Bird (1956); Rod Cameron (1912); Ted Knight (1923); Eli Wallach (1815)

9: Gregg Allman (1947); Kim Basinger (1953); David Carradine (1936); Sammy Davis, Jr. (1926); James MacArthur (1937); Terence Morgan (1921); Sinead O'Connor (1966); John Rubenstein (1946); Eli Whitney (1765); Flip Wilson (1933)

9: Beau Bridges (1941); Dick Butkus (1942); Lee J. Cobb (1911); Broderick Crawford (1811); Emily Dickenson (1830); Morton Downey, Jr. (1933); Kirk Douglas (1918); Douglas Fairbanks, Jr. (1909); Redd Foxx (1922); Buck Henry (1930); John Mackovich (1853); Donny Osmond (1967); William Reynolds (1931); Dick Van Patten (1828)

10: Harold Gould (1923); Susan Dey (1952); Morton Gould (1913); Chet Huntley (1911); Dorothy Lamour (1914); Dennis Morgan (1910); Johnny Rodriguez (1951

11: Ten Gerr (1946); Reed Hadley (1874); Jermaine Jackson (1954); Booker T. Jones (1944); Brenda Lee (1944); Jared Martin (1949); Victor McLeglen (1886); Donna Mills (1946); Rita Moreno (1931); Carlo Ponti (1913); Gilbert Roland (1905); Alexander Solzhenitsyn (1918); Marie Windsor (1924)

12: Ana-Alicia (1957); Bob Barker (1923); Sheila E. (1959); Edwin Forrest (1972); Connie Francis (1938); Curt Jurgens (1915); Ed Koch (1924); Rush Limbaugh (1961); Helen Menken (1901); Edward G. Robinson (1893); Frank Sinatra (1815); Harry Warner (1881); Dionna Warwick (1941); Grover Washington, Jr. (1943)

13: John Davidson (1941); Van Heflin (1910); Ted Nugent (1948); Christopher Plummer (1929); Robert Prosky (1930); George Schultz (1820); Dick Van Dyke (1925); John Whitaker (1959)

14: Morey Amsterdam (1914); Patty Duke (1946); Tim Reknick (1935); Charlie Rich (1932); Hal Williams (1938)

15: Heidi Bohay (1959); Dave Clark (1942); Tim Conway (1933); Alan Freed (1822); Kathy Garver (1947); John Paul Getty (1892); Don Johnson (1950)

19: Ben Cross (1947); Margaret Mead (1901); William *Refrigerator* Perry (1962); Lesley Stahl (1941)

17: Arthur Fiedler (1894); Bob Guccione (1830); William Safire (1929); Tommy Steele (1936); John Greenleaf Whittier (1609)

19: Lynn Ban (1913); Chas Chandler (1938); Ty Cobb (1886); Betty Grable (1816); Leonard Maltin (1950); Brad Pitt (1863); Keith Richards (1946); Roger Smith (1932); Steven Spellberg (1947); Kiefer Sutherland (1966)

18: Alvin Lee (1944); Tim Reid (1944); David Suskind (1920); Cicely Tyson (1938); Robert Urich (1947)

20: Anita Baker (1857); Sandy Duncan (1948); George Ray Hill (1922); Little Stevie Wright (1948)

21: Phil Donahue (1935); Chris Evert (1954); Jane Fonda (1937); Ed Nelson (1929); Joseph Stalin (1979); Paul Winchell (1922); Frank Zappa (1940)

22: Barbara Billingsley (1922); Frankie Darro (1917); Hector Elizondo (1936); Lady Bird Johnson (1912); Giacomo Puccini (1858); Diane Sawyer (1945)

23: Jose Greco (1818); James Gregory (1911); Harry Guardino (1925); Elizabeth Hartman (1941); Ruth Roman (1923); Rod Serling (1924); Joseph Smith (1805); Leonard Stern (1923); James Stockdale (1923); Charles Waldron (1975)

24: Jill Bebbett (1931); Kit Carson (1809); Ava Gardner (1922); Lemmy (1945)

25: Humphrey Bogart (1899); Jimmy Buffett (1946); Cab Calloway (1907); Grace George (1979); Amy Grant (1960); Annie Lennox (1964); Barbara Mandrell (1848); Tony Martin (1913); Mike Mazurki (1909); Charles Pathe (1863); Robert Ripley (1893); Gary Sandy (1946); Sissy Spacek (1949)

26: Steve Allen (1921); Elisha Cook, Jr. (1903); Alan King (1927); Mao (1891); Henry Miller (1891); Phil Spector (1940); Richard Widmark (1914)

27: John Amos (1942); Gerard Depardieu (1948); Louis Pasteur (1822); Sydney Greenstreet (1979)

28: John F. Akars (1934); Lew Ayres (1908); Dorsey Burnette (1932); Bo Diddley (1928); Andrew Duggan (1923); Hubie Green (1948); Martin M. Iner (1931); Charles Neville (1938); Johnny Otis (1921); Maggie Smith (1934); Denzel Washington, Jr. (1954); Woodrow Wilson (1856); Edgar Winter (1946); Bruce Yarnell (1938)

29: Ted Danson (1947); Ed Flanders (1934); Marianne Faithfull (1948); Tom Jarriel (1934); Andrew Johnson (1808); Mary Tyler Moore (1937); Inge Swenson (1932); Tracey Ullman (1959); John Voight (1938); Jess Willard (1881)

30: Davy Jones (1946); Rudyard Kipling (1865); Jack Lord (1930); Jeff Lynne (1947); Mike Nesmith (1942); Del Shannon (1934); Patti Smith (1946); Russ Tamblyn (1935); Jo Van Fleet (1922)

31: Pat Brady (1914); John Denver (1943); Anthony Hopkins (1937); Val Kilmer (1959); Ben Kingsley (1943); George Marshall (1880); Tim Matheson (1945); Sarah Miles (1941); Pola Negri (1899); Odetta (1930); Jason Robards (1892); Donna Summer (1948)

December 1996

HAPPY HOLIDAYS 1996 from the GRAPEVINE!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 1:00pm VVCC Bingo	2 11:30am VVCC Seniors Shopping Day	3 12:30pm VVCC Senior Bingo	4	5 11:00am VVCC Senior Council Meeting 7:00pm ROSES meeting	6 12:00pm VVCC Seniors Painting Classes Hannukkah begins	7
8 1:00pm VVCC Bingo 1:00pm 49ers 50th B-Day celebration @ CANDLESTICK	9 11:30am VVCC Seniors Shopping Day	10 12:30pm VVCC Senior Bingo 4:30pm Sunnydale Tenants Meet 7:00pm El Dorado N.B.C. Meeting	11 4:00pm Executive Park Advisory Committee	12	13 12:30pm VVCC Seniors Tree Decorating Party	14
15 10:01am 49ers at Pittsburgh Steelers 1:00pm VVCC Bingo	16 11:30am VVCC Seniors Shopping Day	17 12:30pm VVCC Senior Bingo 5:30pm Vis Valley Neighborhood Collaborative meets	18	19 5:00pm Beacon Council meets USDA Food Surplus Distribution Day at VVCC	20 12:00pm VVCC Seniors Painting Classes	21 10:00am Friends of McLaren Park 10:30am VV Task Force Safety Committee *Winter begins*
22 1:00pm VVCC Bingo	23 11:30am VVCC Seniors Shopping Day	24 12:30pm VVCC Senior Bingo 4:00pm VVCC Board Meeting	25 *Christmas*	26	27 12:00pm VVCC Seniors Painting Classes	28 10:30am Vis Valley Task Force at 50 Raymond
29 1:00pm VVCC Bingo	30 11:30am VVCC Seniors Shopping Day	31 12:30pm VVCC Senior Bingo New Year's Eve				

City Meetings: Aging-1st Wed 9:30 am; Airport-1st & 3rd Tu 3 pm; Arts-1st Mon 3 pm; Education-2nd/4th Tu 7 pm; Health-1st/3rd Tu 3 pm; Housing Authority-2nd/4th Th 4 pm; Human Rights-1st/3rd Th 4:30 pm; Library-1st Tu 5:30 pm; Planning-Th 1:30 pm; Police-Wed 5:30 pm; Port-1st Tu/3rd Wed 4:30 pm; Public Utilities-2nd/4th Tu 2 pm; Rec and Park-3rd Th 2 pm; Social Services-4th Th 9:30 am; Status of Women-4th Th 4pm; Supervisors-Mon 2 pm.

City Organizations to Receive Human Development Awards

Catholic Charities announced this year's Campaign for Human Development (CHD) awards to local organizations. Receiving grants are the *Youth Organizing Initiative of the San Francisco organizing Project*, the *Bay Area Organizing Committee, Senior Action Network* and *Restaurant Workers' project of La Raza Centro Legal*.

Committed to enabling the poor to help themselves through education, empowerment and participation, CHD was created by the National Conference of Catholic Bishops in 1970 to work toward ending poverty and injustice in America.

"The Campaign for Human Development addresses the difficult problems that can slowly suffocate hope in community after community," said Frank C. Hudson, CHD archdiocesan director and chief executive officer of Catholic Charities. "These include inadequate housing, impoverished children, intractable crime and much more. By focusing on the root causes of these problems and providing avenues out of the cycle of poverty, the campaign builds strong communities where hope can grow."

Christmas Star at Morrison Planetarium

Opening on Dec. 6 at the Morrison Planetarium in the California Academy of Sciences, the *Christmas Star* is a fantastic tour of the winter sky revealing many seasonal wonders overhead, including classic examples of the birth and death of stars.

After a look at these celestial sights, an exploration of another heavenly object often associated with Christmas – the legendary *Star of Bethlehem* – reveals what that object may or may not have been. This holiday favorite runs through Jan. 5 and plays at 2 p.m. weekdays, both 2 and 4 p.m. weekends. For more information, call 750-7145.

To the family and friends of Joseph Holmes, 26, who died November 14, 1996, the *Grapevine* offers its condolences.

OPPORTUNITY IN WASTE PREVENTION AND RECYCLING

Shop Smart Campaign needs your help! The San Francisco Recycling Program offers volunteers opportunities to participate in waste prevention and recycling. To find out more, come to a volunteer meeting on Dec. 3, 5:30 p.m. at 1145 Market Street, Suite 401. For more information, or if you are interested but cannot attend the scheduled meeting, call 554-3404.

Exploratorium Launching New Book Series

In a significant joint venture between a major museum and a major publisher, the Exploratorium has signed an exclusive publishing contract with Henry Holt and Company, New York, for the creation of two popular series of books, one geared towards the children's market and another targeted towards curious adults.

In bookstores this Christmas is *The Science Explorer*, a collection of dramatic experiments for parents to do with their children requiring no more than soap, string, a plastic straw or a Pringles can. This first book in the Exploratorium-at-Home Series includes activities developed by scientists, teachers and writers from the Exploratorium, adapting material from the museum's exhibits and teaching programs. Close to 1,000 families across the country – many who got involved via the Internet – tested each activity and only those having earned an enthusiastic *Wow!* were included in the finished book.

In the past, the Exploratorium has published books with Klutz Press and Chronicle Books.

PHYSICS OF TOYS

Every Saturday from Nov. 30 through Dec. 29, the *Physics of Toys* will be an interactive laboratory located at the entrance to the Exploratorium Store from 12 noon to 4 p.m.. Staffed by volunteers with interests and skills in science and teaching, demonstrations include kaleidoscopes, electromagnets, ink chromatography and chemistry.

HOLIDAY HOURS

San Francisco's popular museum of science, arts and human perception will be open daily from Tuesday, Dec. 17 through Sunday, Jan. 5, 1997 with the exception of Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, when hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Christmas Day, Dec. 25 when the museum will be closed. Regular non-holiday hours are Tuesday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Wednesday evenings until 9:30 p.m. Call 563-7337 for further information.

Children's Services Fund

Ongoing registration continues for the Children's Services Fund of San Francisco Vendor Voucher Program, designed to assist low-to-moderate income families in paying for licensed childcare. Enrollment is based on availability of open slots. For more information, contact Wu Yee Children's Services at 391-8993.

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Recipe Corner

GRILLED CHICKEN BREASTS WITH MANGO SALSA

Chicken: 6 large boneless chicken breast halves; 2 tbsp. dark soy sauce; 2 tbp. salad oil; 2 tbsp. honey; 2 tbsp. fresh, strained lime juice; 1/2 tsp salt; 1/4 tsp. cayenne pepper.

Mango Salsa: 2 medium mangos (about 1 lb. each); 1/2 cup finely diced red onion; 1/2 cup cucumbers (finely diced, unpeeled); 2 peppers, seeded and diced; juice of two limes; 1/2 tsp. salt.

Basic-caper mayonnaise: 2 large egg yolks; 1-1/2 tbsp. strained fresh lime juice; 1/4 heaping tsp salt.

Trim the chicken breast halves of all the fat and gristle and separate the tenderloin. Mix soy, oil, honey, lime juice, salt, and cayenne in a shallow dish just large enough to hold the chicken in one close layer. Marinate the chicken in this mixture for 1 hour at room temperature or for several hours in the refrigerator, turning several times. Grill the chicken breasts for 3 to 4 minutes per side, the tenderloins about 2 minutes per side. The chicken may also be sauteed over moderate heat in a skillet lightly filmed with oil. The bottom of the skillet will darken as the honey caramelizes, but is easily cleaned.

Cut the breasts in thick slices and fan on a dinner plate, placing the tenderloins along side. Spoon the salsa over the top and drizzle with the mayonnaise.

Mango Salsa. Slice the mango flesh from each side of the pit. One half at a time, make an inch cut just inside the skin, then score the flesh in 3/8-inch cubes. Turn skin inside out and free the mango flesh with a knife. Cut the cubes in inch dice, reserving any mushy pieces for some other use. You should end up with about 1-1/2 cups. Combine mango with all remaining ingredients and let sit 30 minutes to blend flavor. *Note*: 1-1/2 cups peach or papaya dice may be substituted for the mango.

JOB OPENING
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Title: Community Health Aide

Status: Part-time, temporary (up to 3 months); 19 hours weekly (flexible)

Salary: $6.25 per hour

Statement of Purpose: To assist St. Luke's Health Care Center (SLHCC) in:

(a) bringing excellent health care to Visitacion Valley residents with cultural sensitivity and

(b) developing and maintaining trusting relationships through personal contact.

Responsibilities:

*Advise Visitacion Valley residents of the Visitacion Valley Neighborhood Clinic, encourage the use of clinic services and, where possible, survey health care needs

*Identify current patients of SLHCC and seek home meetings for the following purposes:

1) establish and/or solidify trusting relationships;

2) survey individual and family health care needs;

3) provide resource information and schedule a follow-up meeting.

*Serve as patient liaison with supervisor and SLHCC team members

*Maintain trusting relationships through outreach, face-to-face contact and availability for calls

Job Requirements:

*High school diploma, G.E.D. equivalency or relevant work experience

*Good language skills (Chinese and Spanish-speaking skills also needed)

*Friendly, comfortable style of presentation

*Familiarity with Visitacion Valley, Little Hollywood and/or Sunnydale (neighborhood residency preferred, but not required)

Positions Immediately Available

To Apply: Fill out application form at Visitacion Valley Neighborhood Clinic or Community Relations, St. Luke's Hospital (Suite 440), 3555 Cesar Chavez St., San Francisco, CA 94110

For Information: (415) 641-6657 or 584-7388

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Display: Full Page: $150; 1/2 Page: $80; 1/4 Page: $45; 1/8 Page: $25; 1/12 Page: $15.

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Congressional Laws Hard on Immigration

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housing, unemployment or financial aid to college;

*Having individuels seeking asylum prove e "credible fear of persecution" during en initial meeting with an INS officer. If unsuccessful, refugees heve only one opportunity within seven days to prepare for e hearing before an immigration judge.

*Forbidding states from providing post secondary educational benefits (including in-state tuition) to undocumented individuals;

*Discouraging legal immigration by imposing stringent economic requirements on petitioning relatives – petitioners will have to earn 125 percent above the poverty level to sponsor (In 1995, the poverty level was less than $15,455 tor e temily of four, making it nearly impossible for 35 percent of citizens to bring in their family members.)

*Making the affidavit of support legally binding until the alien has either become a citizen or earned 40 social security credits of work (approximately 10 years);

*Ammending the welfare laws by deterring deeming of sponsor's income for up to 12 months only if the sponsor refuses support, and if assistance is necessary to prevent homelessness or hunger. A 12 month extension is available it the sponsor cannot be located;

*Authorizing increased enforcement of immigration laws by local law enforcement authorities end cooperation with the INS; and

*Establishing e pilot worker verification program in five states requiring employers to voluntarily check the legal status of prospective workers. The only ecceptable documents are: a U.S. passport, an alien registration card or other euthorization issued by the Justice Department.

In addition, immigrants who are victims of domestic violence are exempt from deeming, but must not be living with the batterer, and employment discrimination complaints based on immigration status must prove "intentional discrimination."

NEW ANTI-TERRORISM LAW

*The Secretery of State can declare any toreign organization a "terrorist organization" besed on their determination that said group "threatens the national security of the U.S." The government is not required to reveal evidence in defending their analysis.

*Noncitizens eccused of terrorism can be deported based on evidence that they never get to see.

*Long-term permanent residents of the United States can no longer get a "forgiveness" waiver to block deportability for relatively minor criminal offenses.

*People who enter the United States without inspection or proper documents will be deported immediately by eliminating the availability of suspension of deportation for noncitizens entering the United States without inspection, including battered immigrant women and children.

*Asylum seekers will have to convince INS officers on-the-spot of their claim for asylum. If denied, the only recourse is a on-the-spot review of the decision by the supervisor on duty. The asylum-seeker only has the right for legal representation if counsel can be obtained "without delaying the interview."

*Expansion of local law entorcemnt authority to make arrests for violations of immigration laws.

Passage of these anti-immigraiton lews reveals both the strength ot enti-immigration sentiment in the U.S. end the extent to which activists must organize to overturn them.

..AT THE RANDALL MUSEUM

Sign-ups begin 12:30 for 1 p.m. classes. Space is limited. All ages are welcome unless otherwise noted. *Please Note*: Adults aleo pay the cleee fee and must accompany all children under 8. Some epaces can be reserved for membere - call 554-9600 for information. No organized group please. *Young Audiences Arts* Card holdere receive e 2 for 1 diecount. $4-10 e pereon eliding scale.

*NOV. 30: *Feeding the Randall Flock*: Now that you've had your Thankegiving meeal, come leern what and how the Randall animale eat.

*DEC. 7: *Kwanzaa Quilting*: Learn how the principles of Kwanzaa are universally related to many cultures. Create a quilt about Kwanzaa and ehow how we each contribute to life in our community. Everyone is welcome!

*DEC. 14: *Candle Dipping*: Make e lovely scented candle to light up your New Year.

*DEC. 28: *Handmade Soaps*: Make soaps in e mynad of shapes, colors and eizes.

*JAN. 4: *Whales of San Francisco*: Each year at thie time, whales ewim within the official boundaries of San Francisco Bay. Learn about what kinds of whales these are and where they are heading.

HOLIDAY CRAFTS FAIR

Do your holiday shopping and eupport the museum at e free admieeion *Holiday Crafts Fair* on Dec. 7 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. with events and crefts for all ages.

WREATHMAKING

Professional florist Elena Franzola will instruct two classes in assembling wreaths from freeh evergreene to be decorated with bows and trime on Saturday, Dec. 14. from 10 a.m. to 12 noon or 1 to 3 p.m. For ages 7 and up. cost of each class ie $15 for adults and $8 for children.

WINTER SOLSTICE CELEBRATION

Winter eolstice marks the longest night of the year, ae well as the return of the sun as the deys elowly grow longer. Crefts, entertainment and e special closing solstice celebration will be held Dec. 21 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Free and low cost activities will be available.

FREE ON SATURDAYS

Animal Feeding at 12 noon; *Animal Talk* at 2:15 p.m.; and a *Model Railroad Exhibit* on Dec. 14 and 28 from 12:30 to 5 p.m.

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